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CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Haskell of Penobscot.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
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**RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Codify the  
Constitution.**

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**Constitutional amendment. Resolved:** Two-thirds of each branch of the legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of this state is hereby proposed:

**Constitution, Art. X, § 3, repealed and replaced.** Section 3 of Article X of the constitution of the state is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 3. The chief justice of the supreme judicial court shall arrange the constitution, as amended, under appropriate titles and in proper articles, parts and sections, omitting all sections, clauses and words not in force and making no other changes in the provisions or language thereof, and shall submit the same to the legislature; and such arrangement of the constitution shall be made and submitted whenever a new revision of the public laws of the state is authorized; and the draft and arrangement, when approved by the legislature, shall be enrolled on parchment and deposited in the office of the secretary of state; and printed copies thereof shall be prefixed to the books containing the revised statutes of the state. And the constitution, with the amendments made thereto, in accordance with the provisions thereof, shall be the supreme law of the state.'

**Form of question and date when amendment shall be voted upon. Resolved:** That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this state, are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and representatives at the next general or special state-wide election, to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall be: "Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the legislature to codify the constitution?" And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the amendment voting "Yes" upon their ballots and those opposed to the amendment voting "No" upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be received, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the office of the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for governor and members of the legislature, and the governor and council shall count the same, and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the amendment, the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the amendment shall thereupon as of the date of said proclamation become a part of the constitution.

**Secretary of state shall prepare ballots. Resolved:** That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations, ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve accompanied by a copy thereof.